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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — IOWA VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES DIVISION

Budget Hearing. On November 22, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division (IVRS) of the Department of Education. Division Administrator David Mitchell presented the budget requests for FY 2019 as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#). During the presentation, the Administrator highlighted some of the activities of the IVRS over the past year, including:

- Coordinating “reverse job fairs” where individuals with disabilities were able to display their abilities to prospective employers, leading to employment opportunities.
- Working with the Future Ready Iowa Alliance to ensure that all Iowans are able to participate in the workforce and meet the needs of business partners.
- Allocating resources to provide pre-employment transition services, leading to partnerships with public schools, intermediary networks, and the Iowa Jobs for America’s Graduates (iJAG) program.
- Providing vocational rehabilitation services resulting in employment to 2,080 individuals with disabilities.

Department Request. The Iowa Vocational Rehabilitation Services Division is requesting an increase of \$107,000 to the General Fund appropriation for Rehabilitation Services and a \$107,000 reduction to the maintenance of effort line item. The Division’s total request for FY 2019 is level funding compared to estimated FY 2018. Director Mitchell noted that the IVRS has met federal maintenance of effort requirements for the past several years and has been able to draw down all federal funds at a ratio of \$1 in State funding to \$3.69 in federal funding.

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